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DWR Director Responds to PPIC Report

Sacramento – The Public Policy Institute of California today released its report identifying a peripheral canal as the most viable solution to Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta woes. It states the canal is the least expensive option and most promising strategy to maintain water supply and improve the Delta ecosystem. Department of Water Resources Director Lester A. Snow responded with this statement:

"Today's report underscores the need for a long-term solution to fixing our water crisis in the Delta. It is even more clear that we need to resolve the conveyance issue for the betterment of our environment and our economy. The comprehensive water plan offered by Governor Schwarzenegger and Senator Feinstein will provide the tools we need not only to invest in Delta sustainability, but also to meet our future water needs with more conservation, new surface and groundwater storage and regional water self sufficiency. With our state facing a severe drought, climate change, federal court restrictions on water deliveries and growing challenges to our environment, economy and water infrastructure, it's critical that all sides come together around a consensus plan that can be approved by voters in November."

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.